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SUBJECT: BILATERAL APPROACHES ON SOVIET TRIALS

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1. THE MESSAGE IN REFTEL WAS DELIVERED TO MINISTER
GARDINI, DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS IN
FONOFF, THE EVENING OF JULY 17. GARDINI REVIEWED
THE ALREADY-KNOWN ITALIAN INITIATIVES:

A) FONMIN FORLANI CALLED IN SOVIET AMBASSADOR
TO EXPRESS GOI CONCERN ON JULY 10 (ROME 12975);

B) ITALIAN PRESIDENT PERTINI SENT MESSAGE TO
BRESCHNEV ON JULY 11 (ROME 12742);

C) FONOFF UNDERSECRETARY RADI MADE PUBLIC DECLARA-
TION IN PARLIAMENT IN ANSWER TO PARLIAMENTARY
QUESTION IN WHICH HE AGAIN STATED ITALIAN POSITION
AND EXPRESSED IMPORTANCE IT ATTRIBUTES TO
IMPLEMENTATION OF HELSINKI FINAL ACT (ROME 13105).
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2. IN ADDITION TO FOREGOING, GARDINI SAID THAT GOI HAS
BEEN NEGOTIATING, ESPECIALLY WITH UK, FRANCE, AND
GERMANY, ON A POSSIBLE JOINT STATEMENT BY EC NINE,
ISSUANCE OF WHICH HAD BEEN HELD UP BY GERMAN PREOCCUPA-
TION WITH PRESIDENT CARTER'S VISIT AND BONN SUMMIT.
GARDINI EXPRESSED HOPE THAT STATEMENT WOULD FINALLY

BE ISSUED ON THE EVENING OF JULY 17.

3. AT PRESENT, GOI PLANS NO OTHER INDIVIDUAL
OR JOINT INITIATIVES. HOWEVER, GARDINI EXPRESSED
GREAT INTEREST IN FACT THAT USG WAS APPROACHING ALL
PARTICIPANTS IN CSCE AND EXPRESSED INTEREST IN BEING
INFORMED IF THIS APPROACH OR OTHER DEVELOPMENTS
SHOULD LEAD TO PROPOSALS FOR OTHER JOINT INITIATIVES.
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